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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 28 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. VIETNAM

DOS SPOKESMAN RESTON ANNOUNCED WEDS IN NY 2ND US/SRV UNANNOUNCED MTG IN 6 DAYS TO DISCUSS NORMALIZATION, AS EA'S HOLBROOKE/VIET VICE FM THACH HELD TALKS FOLLOWING 2-HR UNCLASSIFIED

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MTG FRI. RESTON ADDED THAT NEITHER SESSION CONSTITUTED FORMAL NEGOTS/NO DATE FOR FURTHER MTG SET. REUTER REPORTS US OFFICIALS SAID ISSUES IN WAY OF NORMAL RELS WERE DISCUSSED AT FRI MTG, AND BILAT/REGIONAL/GLOBAL ISSUES WERE AIRED AT SECOND. SUN CARRIES EARLIER REUTER DISPATCH REPORTING FRI MTG.

IN ALGERIA, SRV DEPUTY FM DIANG SAYS HIS COUNTRY HAS MADE "VARIOUS GESTURES OF GOODWILL" TOWARD US, DESPITE CONTINUING US TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VN. AT NEWS CONF ENDING ALGERIA VISIT, DIANG SAID UNSPECIFIED GESTURES WERE "TO PERMIT A SERENE FUTURE" FOR RELS, DESPITE EMBARGO (WP ALGIERS).

## 2. THAILAND

IN EFFORT TO CURB "UNDESIRABLE TOURISTS," RTG IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WEDS ANNOUNCED NEW REGULATION REQUIRING PERSONS HOLDING TRANSIT/TOURIST/NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS CARRY AT LEAST 250 DOLS W/THEM WHEN ENTERING COUNTRY (AP, PHINQ BANGKOK).

## 3. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS NEW SOVIET AMB SHCHERBAKOV PRESENTED CREDENTIALS THURS, SUCCEEDING AMB TOLSTIKOV, WHO LEFT PEKING JUNE 10 (REUTER PEKING).

PRC ANNOUNCED WEDS COMPLETION OF ITS FIRST N-S OIL PIPLINE EXTENDING 1,000 KILOMETERS, FROM LINYI (SHANGTUN PROVINCE) TO NANKING HARBOR, PASSING THRU DOZEN COUNTIES/TOWNS (JOC).

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## 4. KOREA

US HOUSE CMTE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT VOTED UNANIMOUSLY 9/27 TO RECOMMEND CENSURE/REPRIMAND FOR CALIF DEM REPS ROYBAL/WILSON FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN SKOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDALS (AP SUN, PHINQ; BABCOCK, WP).

UPI (JOC SEOUL) CITES HYUNDAE KYUNGJE ILBO REPORT THAT ROKG WILL IMPOSE BLANKET BAN ON FON LOANS OF LESS THAN 10 MIL DOLS BEGINNING NEXT YR. PAPER SAYS MOVE PROMPTED BY INCREASING FON EXCHANGE RESERVE HELD BY GOVT.

## 5. JAPAN

SOVIETS WEDS CUT SHORT PLANNED PROGRAM OF ROCKET FIRING IN N PACIFIC, ONLY HRS AFTER GOJ SAID IT WANTED TESTS HALTED. TASS SAID TESTS, SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE 9/28-10/10, WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 9/29. REUTER NOTES JAPANESE FONMINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID EARLIER IN DAY THAT TOKYO WAS ASKING MOSCOW CALL OFF TESTING BECAUSE IT MIGHT DISRUPT CIVILIAN AIR SERVICES/FISHING ACTIVITIES.

WSJ ("COALS-TO-NEWCASTLE DEPT") REPORTS BOSTON TEA CO HAS BEGUN EXPORTING TEA TO JAPAN. SAYS JAPANESE HAVE TAKEN TO BOSTON TEA'S SPICED/HERBED/BLENDED VARIETIES, ACCORDING FIRM.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 6. CHINA

REPORTING SINO-US STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN OCT AT STANFORD, SFO CHRON'S MOSKOWITZ (9/21) SAYS SCHOOL WAS 1ST US UNIVERSITY TO CONSUMMATE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN WORKING LONGER ON PROJECT THAN ANY LINCLASSIFIED

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OTHER INSTITUTION IN COUNTRY. ADDS THAT USG IS NOW DEVELOPING ITS OWN EXCHANGE PROGRAM. QUOTES STANFORD PROF JW LEWIS THAT "WE EXPECT THE EXCHANGES TO BE TRULY RECIPROCAL, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT SYMMETRICAL IN NUMBERS, SINCE THE CHINESE APPEAR READY TO SEND WHAT EVENTUALLY COULD BE THOUSANDS OF SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS TO AMERICAN CAMPUSES."

REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING) REPORTS NCNA SAID THURS THAT PRC AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED REVERSE 30 YRS OF GROWING AIR/NOISE POLLUTION IN PEKING, WILL TURN IT INTO MODERN/ CLEAN METROPOLIS. NOTES AGENCY IMPLIED THAT MANY MISTAKES HAD BEEN MADE IN INDUSTRIALIZATION OF CITY.

## 7. CHINA/VIETNAM

LAT'S MATHEWS (HK 9/27) SEES SUDDEN SUSPENSION OF PRC-SRV TALKS REMOVING INDOCHINA DIPLO SAFETY VALVE; SAYS FRESH OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IS EXPECTED SOON ALONG VN-CAMBODIA BORDER. AS CHUNG DEL PACKED BAGS FOR HOME TUES, MATHEWS SAYS SINO-VN DIPLO RELS SEEMED ONLY ONE STEP SHORT OF FORMAL RUPTURE.

"NO LONGER EVEN PRETENDING TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DIFFERENCES, CHINA AND VIETNAM MOVED CLOSER (TUES) TO A FULL MILITARY CONFRONTATION," SAYS SUN'S PARKS (HK), WITH CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES, MATCHED BY CONTINUING MIL BUILDUP OF INFANTRY/ARMORED/ARTILLERY/MISSILE FORCES ON BOTH SIDES.

## 8. JAPAN

CSM'S GODSELL (TOKYO) NOTES JAPAN IS GETTING READY RECEIVE 140-MEMBER KREPS DEL--BIGGEST TRADE MISSION US HAS EVER UNCLASSIFIED

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SENT ANY COUNTRY--WHICH WILL ARRIVE OCT 2 AT TIME WHEN US OFFICIALS ARE CAUTIOUSLY IMPLYING THAT THEIR JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS MAY BE RIGHT THIS TIME IN INSISTING JAPANESE ECON IS AT LEAST MOVING IN DIRECTION NEEDED TO HELP WORLD ECON: CUTTING BACK JAPAN'S HUGE BALANCE-OF-TRADE SURPLUS BY EXPORTING LESS/IMPORTING MORE. BUT BIG QUESTION REMAINS, HE ADDS: IS MOVEMENT FAST ENOUGH?

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) SAYS WHILE KREPS DEL WILL BE LARGEST SUCH MISSION US EVER SENT ABROAD, YET GOJ/PRIVATE BUSINESS LEADERS ALREADY ARE EXPRESSING CRITICAL DISAPPOINTMENT W/MISSION'S COMPOSITION/OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. BUT SEES ONE MAJOR FACTOR IN FORTHCOMING MISSION THAT IS CAUSING JAPANESE SOME DIFINITE CONCERN: DESPITE REPEATED INSISTENCE ON PART OF USG THAT IT DOES NOT EXPECT MISSION RESULT IN IMMEDIATE BLITZ OF NEW ORDERS WORTH BILLIONS, GOJ LEADERS ARE NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THIS IS BEING SUFFICIENTLY REALIZED IN US CONGRESS.

## 9. AUSTRALIA

SOLOMON (CSM CANBERRA) OBSERVES THAT PLANS TO OPEN NEW NT URANIUM MINE HAVE BEEN SET BACK BY ABORIGINES' REFUSAL SIGN AGREEMENT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY REACHED W/GOA GIVING THEIR PERMISSION FOR MINING TO PROCEED. BELIEVES DELAY MAKES IT CERTAIN THAT PREPARATORY WORK FOR URANIUM MINE WILL NOT NOW BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE "WET" SEASON BEGINS, AND IT WILL BE APRIL/MAY NEXT YR BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION WORK CAN BE UNDERTAKEN. CHRISTOPHER

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